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SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN DERBYSHIRE

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THE list of Derbyshire monuments scheduled by the Ministry of Works up to December 1957 has been published in this *Journal* (vol. LXXVII, 1957). Additions and amendments to this list have since been published (vols. LXXXI, 1961; LXXXIII, 1963) to which may be added the following which represent notified additions up to Mr. Heathcote's resignation as County Representative in December 1966.

Each monument is referred to by its county number, parish and grid reference.

- 175.* Hartington Nether Quarter. SK 175594. Aleck Low, round barrow. $\frac{1}{2}$ m. S.E. of Newhaven. Mound about 4 ft. high, 50 ft. in diameter. Excavated, human remains, etc., found.
- 176.* Hartington Nether Quarter. SK 153577. Liffs Low, round barrow. A round barrow 4 or 5 ft. high, excavated by Bateman. Human remains and pottery found.
177. Brackenfield. SK 359594. Trinity Chapel. Rectangular building with bell-cote probably of the 16th century. Ruined.
178. Eaton and Alsop. SK 163555. Cross Low, round barrow. $\frac{1}{4}$ m. N.N.E. of Alsop-en-le-Dale. Mound about 4 ft. high covered with trees. Excavated.
179. Tissington. SK 170527. Rose Low, round barrow. Mound about 3 ft. high, covered with trees. Excavated.
180. Wirksworth. SK 277551. Middleton Top, Winding Engine House, Cromford and High Peak Railway. Stone-built engine house with cast-iron windows, housing two-cylinder double-beam geared winding engine of 1825 by the Butterley Company. Ceased working in 1963.
181. Chapel-en-le-Frith. SK 058808. Churchyard cross. Pre-conquest tapered rectangular shaft in socket. Some decoration still visible on the 4 ft. that remains.
95. Bolsover. SK 472709. Intrenchments N. and S.E. of Bolsover (additional area). An additional length of the bank and ditch omitted in error at the time of scheduling in 1946.

* Denotes correction to 1963 published list.

With the number of scheduled monuments continually increasing and the ever-present threats of damage to these and other potentially important

archaeological sites, the task of adequate and continuous surveillance has become somewhat formidable. For this reason it is particularly pleasing to be able to thank the members of the Derbyshire Archaeological Research Group, the Hunter Archaeological Society Field Research Section and the many individuals who devote time and not a little effort to watching the scheduled sites in their respective areas.

One particularly disturbing activity, which seems on the increase, is the unauthorized interference with scheduled monuments by so-called archaeologists. A number of sites have so suffered in the last few years. It can only be hoped that these people can be persuaded to join one of the local archaeological societies where their activities can be properly supervised.

With the increasing interest in monuments and remains of the industrial revolution a useful start in protecting such monuments has been made by the inclusion of no. 180, the Middleton Engine House, well known to all interested in early railway history. Whilst there are many more industrial monuments in the county worthy of protection, the problems of preservation often pose impossible financial problems. It is pleasing to know of the interest of the County Council in securing preservation orders on industrial monuments; this year saw orders on the Cromford Canal Pumping House and Heage Windmill. In addition a number of industrial concerns have monuments in their protection, but the rate of destruction of industrial remains is so high that the problem of their preservation calls for some official national policy.

As the new County Representative I shall be pleased to receive at the address given below reports or notes however brief on any unusual activities in the neighbourhood of scheduled or other archaeological sites, and I shall also be pleased to discuss the possibility of additions to the list of scheduled monuments.

AN OCCUPIED CAVE OF THE BRONZE AGE, BUNKER'S HILL WOOD, BEELEY

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CONCENTRATED field-work on the Beeley Moor section of the gritstone hills to the east of the river Derwent has produced numerous earthworks, some of which were previously unrecorded,¹ together with a perforated stone hammer,² flint tools and waste, which suggests that this part of Derbyshire supported a Middle Bronze Age population of some size.

¹ J. Radley, "A ring-bank on Beeley Moor", *D.A.J.*, LXXXV (1965), 126-31.

² In Derby Museum.